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To FDA Personnel,

I have a right to read the truth in the labeling of our foods. I demand the continued labeling of irradiated foods and I oppose any future expiration of this requirement.

The proposal to change the words to "cold pasteurization" or "electronic pasteurization" to avoid the truth on labels, and confuse the consumers, is unconscionable and must not be allowed.

I have a right to proper labeling of these potentially dangerous foods. Most people have clearly demonstrated they do not want to eat irradiated foods and refused to buy them, which is why these changes have come about.

For those who care not if their foods are irradiated, they too can read the labels and choose to eat them. But, please do not take away my right to choose by lying on labels in order to trick and manipulate the consumers.

The Europeans are wise to ban the foods from the US that are full of added hormones as they pay close attention to the vast scientific studies that clearly demonstrate the dangers. Is it no wonder cancer is an epidemic in this country with the poisons in our foods, water and air.

I ask the FDA to protect the consumers of the United States and keep alive the opportunity to choose. Please do not become a part of the destruction of this cherished right in our country.

Sincerely,

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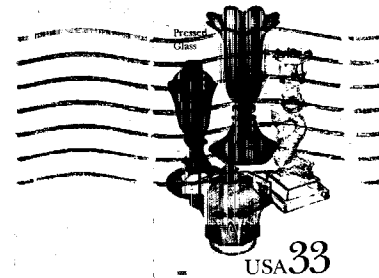


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